

Grants Pass and Josephine County economic statistics 2005

City of Grants Pass			
Population:	7/1/2005	26,087	
	Growth rate in past year:	5.2%	
	Growth rate since 2000:	13.3%	
	Total growth since 1990:	8,639	49.5%
	Ave. annual growth rate since 1990:	3.30%	
	Grants Pass urban area (2004, est.):	36,500	

Josephine County			
Population:	7/1/2005	79,645	
	Ave. annual growth rate since 1990:	1.8%	
	Median age (1990):	39	
	Median age (2000):	43	
	Largest age groups by percent of total (2000):		
	45-54	15.3%	
	35-44	13.6%	
	65-74	10.2%	
	25-34	9.6%	
	Fastest growing age groups (1990-2000):		
	45-54	66.0%	
	85+	60.1%	
	55-59	55.6%	
	75-84	39.5%	



•The 25-34 age group declined in population by 4.5% in the past decade.

Indicator	State Average	Josephine County	Relative Rank (1-36)
% Population 0-19 yrs. (2000)	28	25	28
% Population 65+ yrs. (2000)	13	20	3
% Change in population (1990-2000)	20.4	20.9	13
% Change in population (2000-2010)	12.7	12.7	11

Households (2000):	31,000
Families (2000):	21,364
Ave. household size:	2.41
Ave. family size:	2.85
Income: Median household income (2000):	\$31,229
Per capita income (2000):	\$21,270
Ave. pay per worker (2000):	\$23,681
Median family income (2000):	\$36,894

In 1999, 46.5% of income came from earnings (state average 64.0%). Transfer payments accounted for 26% of personal income (state average 14%). Dividends, interest and rental payments accounted for 28% of personal income (state average 22%).

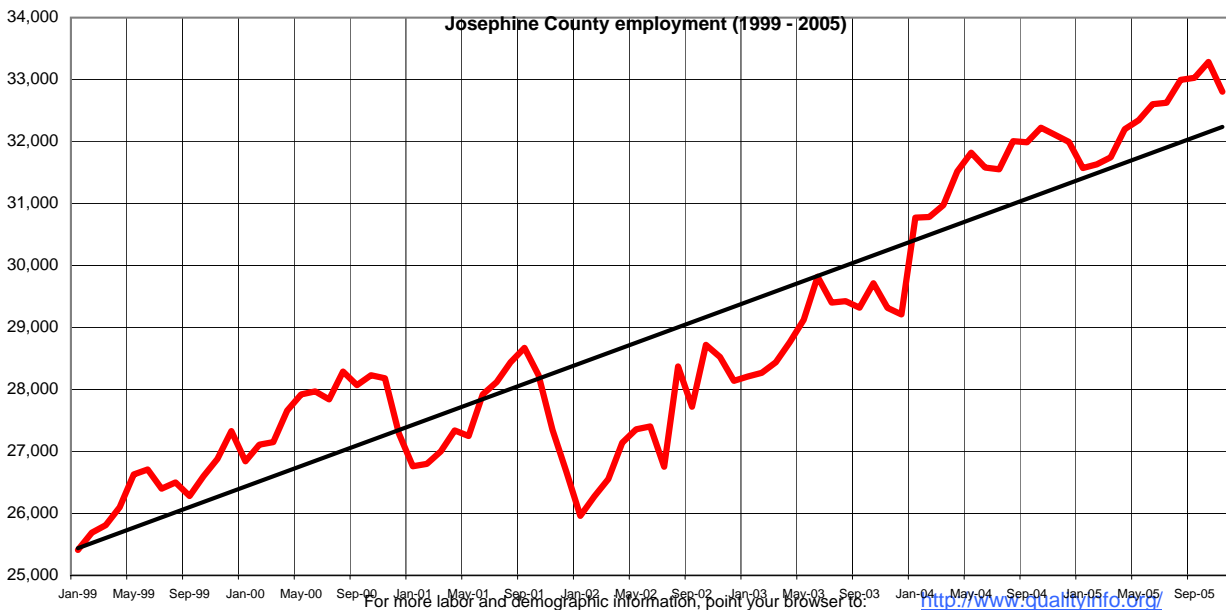
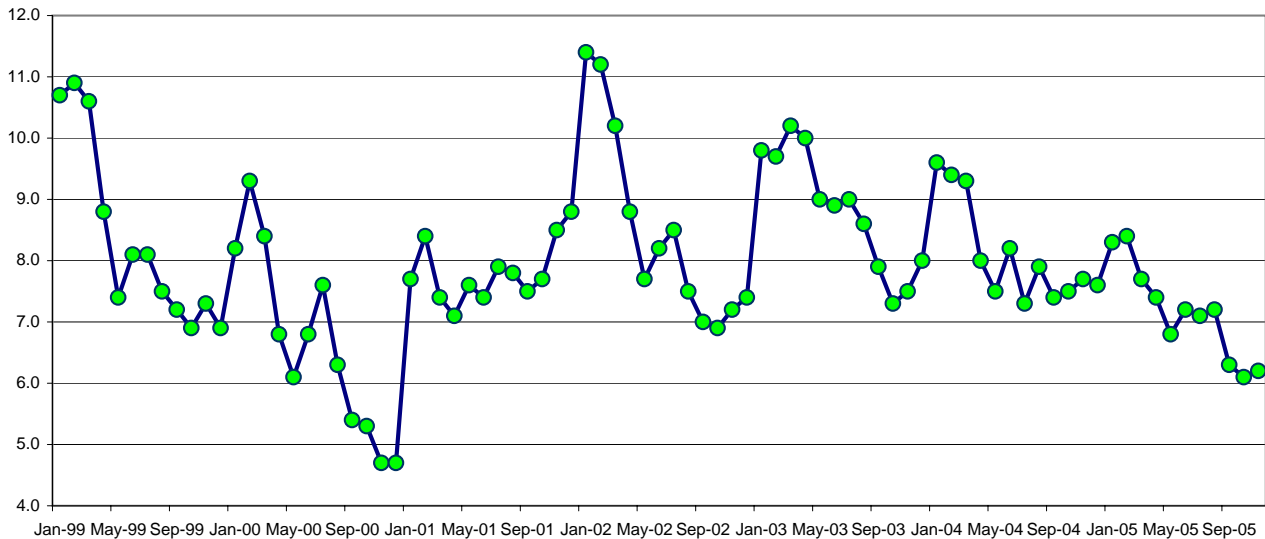
Employment:	As a percent of total employment	1990	2005
	Manufacturing	21.5	13.2
	Trade	26.9	21.7
	Construction	3.4	6.8
	Services	21.8	24.0
	Government	17.9	15.2
	Other	8.5	19.1

	2001	Current month	Difference:
Labor Force	29,583	34,984	5,401
Unemployment	2,505	2,180	(325)
Rate (%)	8.5	6.2	(2.3)
Total Employment	27,078	32,804	5,726
Total Payroll Employment	22,390	25,470	3,080

Quick Stats:

	Home sales in the Grants Pass area:	Year	Units Sold	Median Sales Price
		ytd2005	893	\$259,950
Valuation of taxable property, Grants Pass, 2004:		\$1.577 Billion		
Construction Permits, City of Grants Pass, FY2005:		1799 permits		
Dist. 7 student enrollment, 2005:		5,783	Growth since 1999:	10.1%

Josephine Co. Unemployment
as a percentage, month-to-month (1999 - 2005)



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Good news stories:

Southern Oregon is now the fastest job growth area in the state. Yes, that's right, we're living in the region that state economists predict will add jobs quicker in the next decade than the state average and faster than any other region. More job growth than the Bend area; more job growth than the Portland area. Most of the new job growth will come in the health services sector. The state predicts this to be the fastest-growing industry in the next decade. A recent report released by the Oregon Employment Department details these findings. The report says Southern Oregon will add new jobs because it will continue to see an influx of retirees looking for a wide range of services and amenities. The region is predicted to be the fastest growing in the state through 2012, with a 15.6% job growth rate.

Historic employment events seem to be occurring on a regular basis lately in Josephine County. Total employment in the County once again hit an all-time high in June 2005, with 32,350 people employed in the County and eclipsed 25,000 in payroll employment, tying a previous record set in December 2004. The local labor force is also at its largest point in history, at just under 35,000. Job growth in the past two years has been strongest in construction, professional business services, manufacturing, other services and wholesale trade. Construction employment in particular is currently experiencing unprecedented growth.



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CURRENT LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT JOSEPHINE COUNTY

Labor Force Status	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	-Change from-	
	2005	2005	2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2004
Civilian Labor Force	34,984	35,439	34,782	-455	202
Unemployed	2,180	2,153	2,672	27	-492
Unemployment rate	6.2%	6.1%	7.7%	XX	XX
Employed	32,804	33,286	32,110	-482	694

Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	-Change from-	
	2005	2005	2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2004
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment	25,470	25,700	24,570	-230	900
Total private	21,600	21,790	20,700	-190	900
Natural resources and mining	390	390	400	0	-10
Construction	1,730	1,750	1,560	-20	170
Manufacturing	3,350	3,340	3,110	10	240
Wood product manufacturing	810	790	700	20	110
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,530	5,470	5,190	60	340
Wholesale trade	1,000	990	900	10	100
Retail trade	4,030	3,960	3,780	70	250
Food and beverage stores	980	940	890	40	90
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	500	520	510	-20	-10
Information	370	370	360	0	10
Financial activities	1,410	1,440	1,400	-30	10
Professional and business services	1,670	1,690	1,600	-20	70
Educational and health services	3,670	3,670	3,600	0	70
Educational services	170	170	180	0	-10
Health care and social assistance	3,500	3,500	3,420	0	80
Ambulatory health care services	1,270	1,280	1,240	-10	30
Nursing and residential care facilities	1,030	1,030	1,020	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	2,540	2,710	2,520	-170	20
Other services	940	960	960	-20	-20
Government	3,870	3,910	3,870	-40	0
Federal government	360	370	340	-10	20
State government	380	410	400	-30	-20
Local government	3,130	3,130	3,130	0	0
Local education	2,070	2,060	2,000	10	70

Occupational outlook:

Through 2012, the services sector is projected to see the fastest job growth in the region (25.7 percent); followed by finance/insurance/real estate (16.1 percent); trade (16.1 percent) and construction (15.1 percent). The trade and services sectors will continue to dominate the market in terms of total job count in the region. Some of the fastest growing occupations in the region through 2012 include nurses and nurses aides, medical and dental assistants, radiology and pharmacy technicians, landscapers, home care workers and physicians/surgeons.

Job Growth:

Overall, in the entire county, 3,740 new payroll jobs and 6,828 total jobs have been added since January 1999. This represents a growth rate of 3.4% per year for payroll jobs and 5.0% per year for total employment.

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Good news story:

In a state full of job losses in 2002, Josephine County emerged as one of only a few job growth areas in Oregon last year. According to the Oregon Employment Department, our county had the third highest job growth rate in the state last year, behind only the tiny Northeastern Oregon county of Sherman and our neighbor to the north, Douglas County. Josephine County added 320 jobs in 2002, with new jobs in retail trade, manufacturing and services. Our year-to-year growth rate was about 1.5 percent, just behind Douglas County's 1.6 percent growth. Of the 31 labor market areas in Oregon, only 12 gained jobs last year.